Minutes

OF THE

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH

ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association

1950

HELD WITH

UNION GROVE CHURCH

UNION COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

SEPTEMBER 15, 16, 17, 1950

OFFICERS

ELDER C. M. MILLS, Moderator

BROTHER LLOYD OUTEN, Clerk

PRESTON L. HELMS, Assistant Clerk

PROCEEDINGS

The Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association convened with Union Grove Church, Union County, North Carolina, Friday, September 15th, 1950 and continued through Saturday and Sunday following.

Brethren, Sisters and friends congregated in the house about 10:30 o'clock and engaged in songs of praise, followed with prayer by Elder E. W. Hargett of Eldorado, Ark., and the introductory sermon preached by Elder C .M. Mills. Text: Jude 1:3.

Following the introductory about an hour or more was taken for refreshments and meeting with old and new acquaintants, after which the Association met in the house and engaged in song of praise followed with prayer by Elder C. L. Ratcliff, 705 Philadelphia Street, Covington, Ky.

Union Grove Church, with Messengers and Brethren composing the Association, proceeded to business in the following manner.

Elder C. M. Mills, pastor of Union Grove church served as moderator, and Brother Lloyd Outen, clerk of Union Grove church served as clerk, and called Preston Helms to serve as assistant clerk.

1. Invited all orderly Baptists ho are in good standing in their home churches to seats with us.

2. Called for letters from the sister churches composing this association which were handed in, read and their status noted.

Union Grove: Represented by full membership.

Mt. Creek: Brethren Charles Vanhoy, C. M. Taylor, Frank Medlin, and Artis Medlin.

Lawyer's Springs: Brethren W. O. Ponds, P. A. Griffin, Tommy Horne, and J. R. Horne.

Union: Brethren V. H. Soloman, W. R. Coley, Guy Johnson and Grady Braswell.

Bethel: Brother W. T. Bell.

High Point: Brethren Fair Willard, Clay Willard, Lemuel Morefield, and Claud Parnell.

Mills Chapel: Brethren Roy Hardy, Joe Hailey, L. W. Jones, and C. J. Mullis.

Meadow Creek: Brethren N. B .Hathcock, J. R. Barbee, A. F. Almond and J. L. Deese.

Watson: Brethren H. N. Curlee, Preston Helms, S. C. Helms and F. O. Helms.

Pleasant Hill: Brethren C. E. Russell, Rankin Richardson, E. G. Auman, and G. L. Auman.

High Hill: Brethren S. H. Edwards, Earl Presley, M. C. Mills and H. F. Austin.

Liberty Hill: Brethren T. L. Honeycutt, E. F. Lambert, J. W. Harward, and C. C. Furr.

Corinth: Elder A. N. Green and Brethren Marvin Styers, E. F. Blankinship and Ed Peterson.

Pleasant Grove: Brethren Marvin Mills, Carl Griffin, Grady Hargett and C. W. Griffin.

3. Called for petitionary letters. None presented.

4. The Moderator, Elder C. M. Mills, was authorized to appoint committees on preaching and finance.

Committee on preaching: Elder V. V. Willard, Brethren Lloyd Outen, F. L. Baucom, Leonard Baucom, F. L. Honeycutt, and Robert Horne.

Committee on finance: Brethren Sanford Medlin, C. C. Willard, C. W. Griffin, Rankin Richardson and S. H. Edwards.

5. Called on Presbyteries to report:

At the request of Union Grove church a presbytery was formed April the 8th, 1950, for the purpose of ordaining Brother Lloyd Outen to the office of deacon.

The Presbytery consisted of Elders C. M. Mills, V .V. Willard, E. H. Simpson and D. B. Willard and a large number of deacons from the different churches of this Association.

Pursuant to a call from Liberty Hill church for ordained help to be present with that church July 29th, 1950, a presbytery was organaized with the following ministers and deacons:

Ministers: Elders C. M. Mills, V. V. Willard, D. B. Willard, Hoyle Simpson and J. S. Stephenson.

Deacons: W. M. Nance, J. R. Richardson, C. G. Almond, C. W. Griffin, J. M. Taylor, A. E. Broom, W. A. Drye, Cletus Marsh, Latta Baucom, Sanford Medlin, Lloyd Outen, S. H. Edwards, W. Earl Presley, J. T. Simpson, F. O. Helms, W. W. Solmon, R. M. Hatley, G. P. Burris, Lee Honeycutt, E. F. Lambert, and J. W. Harward and Ordained Brother Homer Poplin to the full work of the gospel ministry.

6. Invited visitors from corressponding associations to seats with us:

Silver Creek: Elders L. L. Huffmann, H. C. McMillan, Orvin Huffman and Brethren Carl McGee and Sam Hartley and wife.

Little River of North Carolina: Elder J. S. Collins, J. T. Lewis, J. S. Stephenson, E. L. Furgeson, and Brethren Lonnie Johnson, J. D. Stancil, Lester Williams and many others.

Little River of Georgia: Elders W. E. Cagle and N. C. Cagle.

South Arkansas: Elder W. E. Hargett and mother, Brother Henry Griffin and wife.

Mt. Zion of Alabama: Minutes.

Tennnessee & Nolachucky: Elder Shade Tipton and Minutes.

Sequachie Valley & Collins River: Minutes.

7. Invited visiting Brethren and Sisters from Sister Associations with whom we do not carry formal correspondence to seats with us: seats with us:

Powels Valley: Brethren W. A. Branson and wife, Floyd Raley and wife, Joe Bowling and wife and Louis Regan.

Little Hope of Texas: Elder N. W. Ashell and wife.

Ray's Fork Church of Kentucky: Elder C. L. Ratcliff and wife.

Mount Zion Church, Blanchester, Ohio: Sister Polly Williams.

Friendship of Georgia: Elder Edward Cagle and Brethren C. E. Cook and wife and James E. Fitzpatrick and wife.

8. Appointed messengers to visit corresponding associations as follows:

Silver Creek Elders V. V. Willard and H. L. Poplin.

Little River of North Carolina: Elders D. B. Willard, E. H. Simpson, H. L. Poplin, and Brethren R. F. Hardy and F. L. Baucom.

Little River of Georgia: Elders C. M. Mills and Hoyle Simpson and Brethren R. F. Hardy and C. J. Mullis.

South Arkansas: Minutes and messengers if pososible.

Mt. Zion: Elders D. B. Willard, E. H. Simpson and V. V. Willard.

Tennnessee-Nolichucky: Elders H. L. Poplin and E. H. Simpson, and Brethren E. A .Honeycutt, F. L. Honeycutt and R. L. Branch.

Sequachie-Valley and Collins River: Elder V. V. Willard and Brother E. A. Honeycutt.

9. Agreed that we continue correspondence with all churches and associations with whom we now correspond.

10. On motion Elder Hoyle Simpson was appointed to write corresponding letter to be printed in the minutes of this association.

. It was unanimously agreed to adjourn until Saturday, September 16th at 9:30 o'clock.

Benediction by Elder J. S. Collins, R1 Angier, N. C.

SATURDAY A. M.

Pursuant to adjournment the Association met in the house Saturday morning at 9:30 a. m.. After singing songs of praise and prayer by Elder D. B. Willard, Rt. 6 Winston-Salem, N. C., with business as follows:

12. Called on Finance Committee to report. Report shows:

Handed in by churches	$608.25
Handed in by friends	262.00
Total	870.25

13. By motion unanimously agreed to distribute minutes to corresponding associations as usual.

14. Called for corresponding letter which was read and adopted.

15. On motion it was unanimously agreed that we hold the next session of the Original Bear Creek Primitive Association with Mt. Creek Church, Stanly County, N. C., begining Friday before the third Sunday in September 1951 and continue through Saturday and Sunday following, and the pastor of Mt. Creek church preach the introductory sermon.

16. Unanimously agreed that we have 1000 copies of this Minute printed and distributed to churches and associations as usual and that Preston Helms superintend the printing of same and that he be allowed $65.00 for printing, mailing and services.

17. By motion unanimously agreed that all funds above that allowed for printing, mailing and services be distributed to ministers as the Finance Committee may deem proper.

18. By unanimous agreement the Association returns thanks to God for his mercy and to the Brethren, Sisters and friends of this church and vicinity for their kind hospitality and entertainment afforded during this session of the Association.

19. Agreed to adjourn to time and place above mentioned.

Benediction by Elder E. H. Simpson, Rt. 4, Concord, N. C.

ELDER C. M. MILLS, Moderator, Rt. 1, Charlotte, N. C.

LLOYD OUTEN, Clerk, 1726 Chestnut St., Charlotte, N. C.

PRESTON HELMS, Rt. 3, Marshville, N. C.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Handed in by churches	$608.25
Handed in by friends	262.00
Total	870.25

Expenditures

For printing, and clerk services	$ 65.00
Distributed to ministers	805.25
Total	870.25

ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY A. M.

Elder C. M. Mills, 3130 Central Ave, Charlotte, N. C.

FRIDAY P. M.

Elder L. L. Huffman. Failed to get text.

Elder W. N. Cagle. Text: 1 John 3:1-6.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Elder N. W. Asbell. (At Union Grove) Text: Rom. 9:11-16.

Elder W. E. Cagle, (At Union Grove) Failed to get text.

Elder Shade Tipton. (At Pleasant Grove) Text: Ephesians 2:4.

SATURDAY A. M.

Elder J. S. Collins. Text: John 10:27.
Elder E. W. Hargett. Text: Rom. 8:31.

SATURDAY P. M.

Elder H. C. McMillon. Text: Luke 24:44-49.
Elder J. S. Stephenson. Text: Ist Cor. 3:11.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Elder Orvin Huffman, Union Grove. Text: 2nd Tim. 4:1-8.
Elder E. L. Furgeson, Union Grove. Text. 2nd Tim. 1-9.
Elder Edward Cagle. (At Pleasant Grove) Text: Ephe. 2:4.
Elder Shade Tipton (Liberty Hill) Text. Eph. 2:1.

SUNDAY A. M.

Elder C. L. Ratcliff. Text: John 5:25.
Elder N. W .Asbell. Text: Eph. 1:1-4.
Elder Joel T. Lewis. Text: Phil. 2: 12-13.

SUNDAY P. M.

Elder Shade Tipton. Text: What Saith The Scriptures.

HOME MINISTERS

Elder C. M. Mills, Rt. 1, Charlotte, N. C.
Elder V. V. Willard, Rt. 2, High Point, N. C.
Elder D. B. Willard, Rt. 6, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Elder E. H. Simpson, Rt. 4, Concord, N. C.
Elder H. L. Poplin, Rt. 2, Box 56, Albemarle, N. C.
Elder A. N. Green, Rt. 3, Kings Mountain, N. C.

VISITING MINISTERS

Elder L. L. Huffman, Asheville, N. C.
Elder Orvin J. Huffman, Asheville, N. C.
Elder E. L. Furgeson, Erwin, N. C.
Elder J. S. Collins, Rt. 1, Angier, N. C.
Elder J. T. Lewis, Coats, N. C.
Elder J. S. Stephenson, Benson, N. C.
Elder W. E. Cagle, Alpharetta, Ga.
Elder W. N. Cagle, Alpharetta, Ga.
Elder Edward Cagle.
Elder Shade Tipton, Rt. 1, Towsend, Tenn.
Elder Henry C. McMillon, Lenoir, N. C.
Elder N. W. Asbell, ElDorado, Ark.
Elder E. W. Hargette, ElDorado, Ark.
Elder C. L. Ratcliff, Covington, Ky.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

The Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association, to our corresponding and visiting associations and to all of like precious faith.

Greetings to all:

We, through the mercies of God, have been blessed to meet again in sweet love and fellowship, which we are thankful to God for.

Let us all continue to strive for love and peace and the truth as it is in Christ our Lord.

We are thankful for all you good visiting brethren and friends. The ministers have all come preaching salvation by grace, which God has worked in you and now let us work it out with fear and trembling, and get the joys of it while we live here. We welcome all visitors to come and visit us any time you can.

We pray that God's rich blessings will rest upon us throughout this meeting and the rest of our days here on earth. If we never meet no more on this earth we hope to meet in a better kingdom above.

In love,

ELDER E. H. SIMPSON.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one living and true God; the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Article 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, grace and glory, and in relative union with the divine Word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Article 3. We believe that the scripture of the Old and New Testament contain the only written revealed word of God and the perfect rule of faith and practice for God's Church in her militant state while here on earth.

Article 4. W ebelieve in the doctrine of election; that God chose His Church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Article 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, the federal head.

Article 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Article 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and His righteousness only.

Article 9. We believe that God's elect or Church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Article 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Article 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men. We believe in feet washing as taught by our Saviour in St. John 13:4-17.

Article 12. We believe that no man as a minister has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular presbytery.

Article 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will just and unjust, and a general judgment.

Article 14. We believe that thep unishment of the wickeed will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

RULES GOVERNING THE ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1st. We understand that at whatever church this Association is being held, that it is being held solely under the authority of that church, just as any other regular or monthly conference.

2nd. That the officers and suffrages of that church shall be the officers and voice of the Association, except as that church may deem prudent to request any member of another church to assist in the business transactions of the Association.

3rd. This Association shall have no authority to pass upon any question of a disciplinary nature except it has first been passed upon by the local churches composing this Association; then the work of the churches shall be recognized by the Association.

4th. Any member who endeavors to bring in or inject a disciplinary question that involves fellowship, before it has been passed upon by the local churches, shall be considered out of order by the church with whom the Association is being held, and by the messengers present from the sister churches.

5th. The Association shall be conducted for no purpose other than song, prayer, and preaching services, and no business shall be transacted by the Association except that which is necessary or sets forth the status of each church composing this body in the form of a minute.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND THEIR ADDRESSES	CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES	Rec'd by Exp. & Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Rec'd by Relation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Sunday of Meeting	Contributions
Mt. Creek	Elder C. M. Mills, Rt. 1, Charlotte, N. C.	G. C. Medlin, 1827 Charlotte Road, Albemarle, N. C.	3			1	3			25	3	$ 34.00
Lawyer's Springs	Elder V. V. Willard, Rt. 2, High Point,	Robert Horne, Peachland, N. C.	1		1				3	75	1	$ 36.00
Union	Elder E. H. Simpson, Rt. 4, Concord, N. C	W. R. Coley, 106 Eagle St., Belmont, N. C.	4	3	2				1	27	1	$ 20.00
Bethel	Elder C. M. Mills, Rt. 1, Charlotte, N. C.	W. J. McLamb, Shalotte, N. C.										
	Elder D. B. Willard, Salem, N. C.		2						2	51	4	$ 22.00
High Point	Elder V. V. Willard, High Point, N. C.	H. M. Willard, Winston-Salem, N. C.	5						1	112	4	$ 54.25
Mills Chapel	Elder C. M. Mills, Rt. 1, Charlotte, N. C.	C. J. Mullis, Kannapolis, N. C.										
	Elder D. B. Willard, Rt. 6, Winston-Salem, N. C.		5	2					1	37	3	$ 25.00
Meadow Creek	Elder C. M. Mills, Rt. 1, Charlotte, N. C.	R. M. Hatley, Rt. 1, Oakboro, N. C.	8							51	1	$ 51.00
Watson	Elder C. M. Mills, Rt. 1, Charlotte, N. C.	Preston Helms, Rt. 3, Marshville, N. C.	4							41	4	$ 24.00
Pleasant Hill	Elder V. V. Willard, High Point, N. C.	G. L. Amman, Allreds, N. C.	4							41	3	$ 33.00
High Hill	Elder V. V. Willard, High Point, N. C.	M. C. Mills, R2, Monroe, N. C.	7						1	56	1	$ 47.50
Liberty Hill	Elder C. M. Mills, Rt. 1, Charlotte, N. C.	Ellis Honeycutt, Oakboro, N. C.	10					1	1	78	1	$ 35.00
Corinth	Elder E. H. Simpson, Rt. 4, Concord, N. C.	Marvin Styers, Kings Mountain, N. C.										
	Elder A. N. Green, Rt. 3, Kings Mountain, N. C.		1						2	10	3	$ 3.00
Pleasant Grove	Elder C. M. Mills, Rt. 1, Charlotte, N. C.	A. E. Broom, Rt. 2, Marshville, N. C.							2	59	2	$ 66.00
Uion Grove	Elder C. M. Mills, Rt. 1, Charlotte, N. C.	Lloyd Outen, 1726 Chestnut St., Charlotte, N. C.	6				1	1	1	128	2	$157.50
		Donations by Friends										$262.00
		Total	57	5	3	1	4	5	13	791		$870.25